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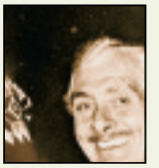

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Sabre Gilmartin of Stourbridge with her dog Bertie, who donned his smart tuxedo for the Royal Wedding

Tradtional food, bunting and flags . . . it's a right royal knees up at the Black Country Living Museum's street party

Sealed with a kiss – the picture the world waited for as the borough joined the celebrations

The mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller, with Mayoress, Hilary Miller, enjoying the fun at Sedgley Conservative Club

There were celebrations in the day unit at Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge as the big day approached

CHEERS! YOU DID THEM PROUD

WITH the bunting out, the Pimms poured and an endless supply of cold beer and hot tea, Royal Wedding fever swept through Stourbridge.

The nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton captured people's hearts, minds and imaginations as hundreds of well-wishers toasted the couple.

In the UK more than 5,500 official parties were staged last Friday – 14 of them in the borough and in Dudley, the most hosted by any town in the region.

Roads were officially closed as neighbours left their homes to celebrate in their streets. But there were hundreds more parties in gardens, cul-de-sacs, pubs and churches. And it wasn't just humans who made the most of the Big Day when the fairytale romancers became the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge before a world-wide ordience of billions.

Bertie, the fashion-conscious dog from Stourbridge, watched the ceremony in his new black tuxedo jacket with a white collar and a red bow tie.

Reception

The smart suit is one of a collection of outfits Bertie, a Yorkshire terrier crossed with a dachshund, regularly dons with the help of his owner, American-born glass jewellery designer Sabre Gilmartin of Heath Street.

The 69-year-old said: "He looks absolutely adorable and like a distinguished gentleman watched the wedding in style." Brierley Hill's Copthorne Hotel got into the spirit of things by giving away a free wedding and reception.

It was won by Jonathan McGee and Laura Moores, a teacher at Wood Green Junior School in Wednesbury.

They had a blessing ceremony and dedicated their special day to everyone who has supported them since Mr McGee was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2008.

The 41-year-old quantity surveyor has had several operations.

The couple, of Wrens Nest Road, Dudley, had already arranged to get married in Crete on April 20.

Mr McGee and Miss Moores, 27, were nominated for the competition run by the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill by friend Paul Gwilliam.

Above: Party organiser Stuart Williams, front left, with fellow residents in Manderston Close, Milking Bank, Dudley

Left: Not exactly the Prince Charles Aston Martin, as chauffeur Lewie Yabsley-Evans spirits away bride and groom Max Walker and Sabina Jones from Pedmore CofE school

Right: Those celebrating on the Mall included Lynne Hughes from Stourbridge, Julie Smith of Wolverley, Davina Laverick from Kidderminster, Ruth Link of Wolverley, Vivien Watson from Kidderminster, Emma Link of Kidderminster, Zeta Turley from Stourbridge and Libby Hughes, also Stourbridge

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Glass making seeks clearer route ahead

GLASS is synonymous with Dudley and Stourbridge, where it has been made for around 400 years. The area has been home to world famous glass companies, including Royal Brierley and Stuart Crystal, and is such an iconic part of the borough that even Stourbridge's football team are known as the Glassboys.

Now individuals are keeping glass making alive in the area, with help from the Contemporary Glass Society which promotes the work of glass artists from across the world and organises glass exhibitions and conferences. But the society has now suffered a shattering blow.

It can trace its history back for 400 years, but glass making in the Stourbridge and Dudley areas has been dealt a shattering blow. Alex Wainwright reports

Janet Hendry of the British Glass Foundation and Will Farmer of Fieldings Auctioneers with items from a recent auction in Stourbridge which raised funds for the preservation of the industry

It has lost £50,000 of funding from Arts Council England that it uses to help promote this heritage.

The society will receive funding only until 2012, and says it is deeply disappointed with the decision.

Society chairman Victoria Scholes says: "We are very frustrated. We have worked so hard and all our members are very pleased with the work that we do.

"Dudley has such a heritage in glass making and it's really important to keep hold of that heritage."

The society received regular funding from the Arts Council for six years. It costs around £72,000 per year to run, so the cuts amount to more than two-thirds of the money it needs.

The decision came after budget cuts meant Arts Council England was forced to make a 6.6 per cent reduction in West Midlands spending over four years.

Connecting

The society began in 1997 and is based at Broadfield House Glass Museum in Kingswinford. It is the largest network of glass makers in the UK, with almost 700 members, and provides vital services for the glass community by promoting the work of artists and connecting them through its website.

It allows artists to create member profiles where they can post pictures, give information about their work and supply contact details and links to their own websites.

The society also promotes online exhibitions where artists can put forward pictures of their work, and judges pick the best pieces.

Glass has been manufactured in the borough for more than 400 years, and the iconic glass cones can still be seen in the area. It began here in the 17th century when refugee gentlemen glassmakers from France settled, attracted by the abundant supplies of coal and clay for their furnaces. Manufacturing peaked in the 19th century because of the availability of canal transport, meaning it was possible to import large amounts of fine sand from Ireland.

Artist Terri Colledge, who works in the Ruskin Glass Centre, Stourbridge in the area of cameo and enamel painted glass

In Stourbridge, by 1861, all 11 glass factories were alongside a canal, and it is this history that the society is helping to keep alive.

One person who has benefited from the society is Stourbridge glassmaker David Green, a senior glass lecturer at Wolverhampton University. He has been involved in glass making for more than 25 years and his work was featured as part of the society's last online exhibition, Mixing It. He even encourages his students to use the website.

"It's a really useful tool and gives the students the opportunity to network and engage with other glass makers. It's a core of information," he says.

Mr Green says the funding loss is devastating, but is also grateful that the money flowed for as long as it did, given that glass is such a specialist area. "It's a very unfortunate situation. There is no other organisation like it.

"If people don't get the chance to experiment there will be no opportunity to create new techniques and life will become bland. The world would be a much plainer place."

Charles Hajdamach with a commission at Broadfield Glass Museum in Kingswinford, 20001 a Human Oddity by David Reekie

His disappointment is shared by others, including Charles Hajdamach, a world-renowned British glass expert and author of 20th Century British Glass and British Glass 1800-1914.

He has given lectures across the world about glass making, and is a member of the society.

Mr Hajdamach, who lives in Stourbridge, says: "It's a devastating decision and it will seriously affect what they can do. It's a very serious blow to people who are the main ambassadors of British glass. Glass makers are resourceful people and hopefully the society will be able to find funding elsewhere."

> "If people don't get the chance to experiment there will be no opportunity to create new techniques and life will become bland
> – *David Green*"

Stourbridge glass expert Graham Fisher, author of Jewels on the Cut: An Exploration of the Stourbridge Canal and the Local Glass Industry, says: "It's an unfortunate blow to glass making."

The society will now review the services it provides and while it hopes to keep the core services, in the short term mentoring schemes, travel bursaries and schools workshops will not be main priorities.

But it is looking for alternative funding – and is positive that all services will resume in the future. That much, at least, is clear.

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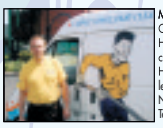

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School's delight over new Ofsted verdict

A PEDMORE school once marked satisfactory is now climbing the ladder after an Ofsted inspection.

Students and staff at Pedmore Technology College and Community School, on Grange Lane, are celebrating after Ofsted inspectors described the school as good with outstanding features.

The results from last month's inspection are a huge lift for the school which was deemed merely satisfactory in 2007.

The report said that "student outcomes, particularly in achievement, are rising strongly" and the overall standard of teaching was good with "much outstanding practice observed".

Curriculum changes "have ensured that courses more closely match students' individual needs".

Principal David Kemp said: "Our Ofsted is great news for our students and parents.

"We have put in many changes and everyone has worked so hard to ensure improvement here over the last three years.

"Last year saw record results for us at GCSE and we were already recognised as one of the most improved schools in the Black Country," he added.

Expected

"More recently our school achieved a place as one of the top three schools in the region for students achieving much better than expected, another aspect noted by the inspection team."

For the last two years Pedmore Technology College has been a member of a local trust of schools alongside Redhill, Ridgewood and Thorns Community College.

The trust allows the schools to work together in conjunction with Stourbridge College to share educational opportunities.

Setting sail in aid of the lifeboats

HIMLEY HALL Sailing Club is staging a sponsored sail on Saturday (May 7) in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The club has raised more than £93,000 down the years for the charity and even has a lifeboat named after it. Event details on 01384 271447.

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Spooky head for heights

Janet Jones gets a head for heights

DAREDEVILS fancying a spooky challenge are being urged to sign up to a midnight charity event at Dudley Castle.

Mary Stevens Hospice will host an abseil down the castle turrets of Dudley Castle in the grounds of Dudley Zoo, on Saturday, June 18, from 9.30pm.

Janet Jones, head of fundraising, said: "A specialist company will be looking after the volunteers."

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Plans for widening route go

PLANS to widen a busy road linking the Black Country with Birmingham have been shelved – after £100,000 was spent on a business case proposing the scheme.

Sandwell and Birmingham City Council want £16million from Government to carry out the work on the A457 Dudley Road, near to the junction with Heath Street.

An initial business case was turned down and the authority had hoped to resubmit a strengthened case this year.

But exactly when this will happen is still uncertain.

The Government has imposed a freeze on major capital grant transport schemes.

"The money has not been wasted," said the council's assistant developer strategy officer David Ball.

"There has been an investment.

"We have got a case and it's a strong case," he added.

"But we're in the hands of Government."

Ryan Piggot, Sarah Parkes and Jack Moore of the Grow Your Own group at the RSA Academy

Pupils pick up litter award

PUPILS at the RSA Academy in Tipton are celebrating after winning an award.

Tipton Litter Watch presented staff and pupils with the Eco Schools Green Flag Award for their commitment to raising awareness about environmental issues.

Pupils have created allotments in the academy grounds where they grow a range of vegetables and the next step is to set up community allotments for local people to come and relearn old skills.

A community orchard is also being established and the first apple trees have been planted at the school in Gospel Oak Road.

The academy's biodiversity group is busy creating habitats to encourage a wide range of species to take up residence on site. The pupils are also learning to cook and the Healthy Eating Action Group is encouraging students to reflect on their diet.

Food waste is composted and used on the allotments and a vegetable box scheme is being introduced for parents and staff.

The Environmental Action Group at the school has written an Eco-Code which has been shared across the academy community. The curriculum is also being reviewed to identify opportunities for integrating environmental issues.

Tipton Litter Watch stated the school has demonstrated a real commitment to creating an environmentally sustainable learning community.

Tipton Litter Watch is an award winning community-led environmental charity funded by Sandwell council.

How to foil takeaway vandals

A DUDLEY takeaway owner who spent thousands of pounds repairing damage done by vandals has permission to instal steel shutters – provided he paints them a "nice colour".

Councillors on the planning committee unanimously overturned official policy to allow Kevin Tsang, the owner of Four Seasons Chinese takeaway in Enville Road, Wall Heath, to put in the roller shutters.

Mr Tsang welcomed the verdict. "I think they made the right decision; it means we can protect ourselves," he said.

"Painting the shutters is quite a reasonable thing to ask to try and make the street look a bit nicer."

The meeting heard that the takeaway had been repeatedly targeted by vandals who smashed the front window.

Damage cost hundreds of pounds each time and, in one incident in 2008, reached more than £2,000 as the frame was damaged. A 500-name petition from customers had been submitted in support of the plans.

Chairman of the committee, Councillor Tim Wright, suggested conditions be attached meaning Mr Tsang must paint the shutters a "nice colour" to minimise the "industrial grey" look when the shop was closed.

Ward councillor for Wall Heath Councillor Dave Tyler, who spoke in support of the application, afterwards said he was "in shock". "It's just brilliant news – a real common sense decision," he said.

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Robbers use knife threat to victim

ROBBERS used a knife to threaten a man before ordering him to hand over his wallet and gold rings.

The victim was walking along the canal towpath near Firs Industrial Estate, Kidderminster, at 3.30pm on Monday, April 25.

The man, in his 40s, became aware of the two men following him from the direction of Stourport. As he approached a bridge leading to the industrial estate they shouted for him to stop.

One had a knife and ordered him to hand over his four gold rings. They also took a black leather wallet containing around £170. The thieves then walked off back towards Stourport.

Unshaven

The thieves were both white men aged in their 40s.

One was around 6ft 1in, of heavy build and unshaven. He was wearing a hoop earring in his right ear.

The other man was tanned and also of heavy build, around 6ft 2in and had brown hair which was short at the back and sides but longer on top.

Detective Sergeant Pete Wheeler said: "The presence of a knife, although not used, adds to the seriousness of this offence."

Police are asking anyone who saw the thieves to come forward with information.

Witnesses are asked to call Kidderminster CID on 0300 333 3000.

Authors Jean Weston, left, and Marlene Price prepare for the talks

Cemetery future brighter

THE FUTURE of a Stourbridge cemetery looks more secure with volunteers planning to take ownership.

Lye & Wollescote Cemetery Chapels is being taken over by West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust in an attempt to breathe new life into the decaying Grade II listed site.

It is currently owned by Dudley Council but was at risk due to lack of use when volunteers stepped in.

Now the trust is working towards taking full ownership of the buildings.

Volunteers have been securing funds to complete the restoration project which involves pledging to return the site to community use.

Stourbridge Estate Agents Lex Allen has been appointed to help find new tenants which the group hope will include a mix of local businesses, charities and community groups.

David Trevis-Smith, project organiser said: "It is not only a place of great historical importance; it is also a lovely quiet place where the local community can escape the daily hustle and bustle."

A series of events has been organised for people to find out more.

Local authors Jean Weston and Marlene Price will be conducting two free guided walks around the cemetery this Saturday (May 7) at 11am and 2pm.

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Car wash bid is rejected by planners

PLANS to transform a vacant, overgrown plot of land leading up to Dudley's Merry Hill Shopping Centre into a car sales lot and hand car wash have been thrown out.

Members of Dudley Council's planning committee decided on April 26 that creating the business on land near William & Sons furniture store in Level Street, Brierley Hill, would be inappropriate.

Councillors declared that Merry Hill was the "jewel in the borough's crown" and such "eyesore" developments did not belong on one of the main routes to the centre.

A spokesman for William & Sons told the meeting the company was concerned about high volumes of chemicals and detergents running off into the drainage system, and also about parking.

The committee unanimously rejected the plans.

Country

Chairman, Councillor Tim Wright, said: "Merry Hill attracts people from all over the country. It's the jewel in the crown of the borough.

"When people are driving down Level Street, which is one of two main roads which lead to the centre, is this the kind of development we want them to see?"

At an earlier committee meeting last month Councillor Wright "declared war" on hand car washes.

He said he was "sick and fed up" of these kind of businesses springing up on "any old patch of spare or empty land".

Hospital staff to go neon

HOSPITAL staff in Dudley are being urged to "go neon" to raise funds for a charity helping patients.

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To organise a fundraising event call 01384 45611.

Drain covers disappearing

Councillor Beatrice Owen and resident Sidney Griffiths by one of the drains

THIEVES stole 19 drain covers from streets in the Black Country over the Easter holiday weekend.

Residents say a gang of men have struck in daylight, wearing luminous coats to masquerade as council officials, before removing covers and loading them into a van.

Tipton is one of the areas hardest hit, covers taken from streets including Salter Road, St John's Road and Tibbington Terrace in Princes End.

Sandwell Council said that replacing the 19 covers will cost almost £10,000 and bosses anticipate more thefts will come to light.

Princes End ward Councillor Beatrice Owen has warned residents to be vigilant. She said: "I have received reports of men arriving in a van, bold as brass and removing covers, then fencing off the drains and placing a traffic cone on top. They wear high visibility jackets and operate in broad daylight, so people presume they are acting in an official capacity."

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Peter's story

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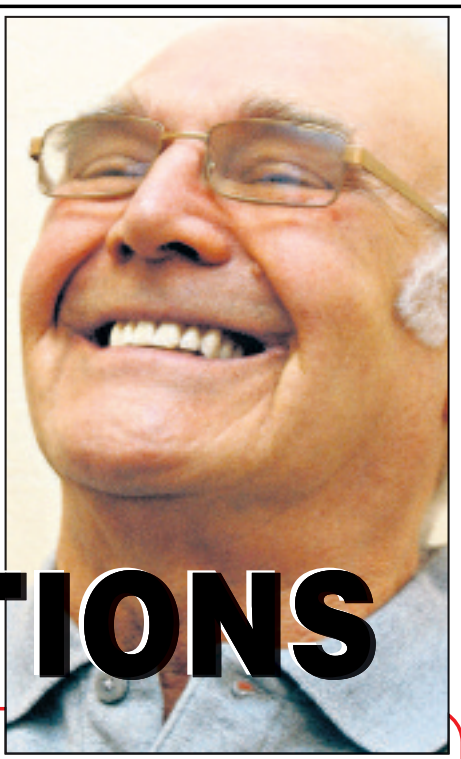

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First World War shell set for re-dedication

AN ARTILLERY shell case presented to a Black Country village for its efforts during the First World War is being returned to the community years later.

Wordsley Community Association has been made custodian of the historic piece which was first presented to the area by the National War Savings Committee in recognition of funds which were raised for the war effort.

The large howitzer shell case has been looked after by a trustee since the closure of Wordsley's Art Institute where the piece used to be housed.

A re-dedication ceremony will be held at Wordsley Community Centre, The Green, on Saturday (May 7) from 2pm.

The shell bears a plaque reading: "Presented by the National War Savings Committee to the people of Wordsley to commemorate their notable subscription to War Securities during Guns Week 1918."

Borrowing

During the First World War, the government needed to reduce borrowing and raise funds, leading to the National Savings Movement.

People were asked to donate money as bonds which would be paid back after the conflict. A series of events, including a performance by the Gentlemen Songsters group, will culminate in the re-dedication service.

Community association spokeswoman Janet Blakeway said: "Our Great War artefact has spent many years hidden away for safe keeping. It has now been passed back to us by its trustee in order that it gains the safe home it deserves."

Library is now on the move

AN HISTORIC library has closed its doors for the last time ahead of a move to new £2.3million premises.

Blackheath Library is leaving its home in Carnegie Road on the outskirts of the town centre after more than 100 years. The library closed last Saturday.

It is moving to the ground floor of a new glass-fronted building in High Street, due to open on May 23.

The project is a joint venture with Black Country Housing Group, which will occupy the first and second floors of the building.

Chris Ash, community library manager, said: "The old library is well used and much-loved but time moves on and the new building gives us the chance to offer a 21st century service."

School celebrates 10 years

Members of the Fantasy dance group mark its 10 years. From left, Channon Bowkett, 12, Troy Cooper, five, Ella Fisher, eight and Charlotte Hill, 12

A CHILDREN'S dance group established by a Black Country woman as she battled cancer is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a reunion.

Sylvia Horton, aged 54, set up the Fantasy dance group in late 2001 to give youngsters in the area something to do and teach them new skills.

But soon after Mrs Horton, of Woodland Close, Pedmore, was diagnosed with cancer and underwent breast reconstruction surgery.

She refused to give up on the group after nearly 80 children initially expressed an interest. Ten years later both she and the class are still going strong. Mrs Horton believes the group, which meets at Hob Green Primary School, in Pedmore Fields, helped her through her illness, now in remission.

A reunion will be held later in the year. Mrs Horton said: "I am extremely proud the group is still running after all these years."

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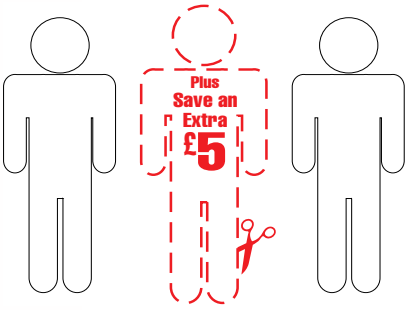

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Housing plans set to go in

PLANS to build homes on a historic former sugar factory in the West Midlands are due to be submitted within weeks.

And developers hope the scheme will start the ball rolling for other projects to breathe the new life into the site at Kidderminster.

The land in Stourport Road formerly occupied by the British Sugar plant has been in limbo after plans for a business and education complex stalled.

But developers the Cill Dara Partnership said they were now planning to submit plans for homes on the site within the next two months.

Development manager Peter Burford said Wyre Forest District Council and Cill Dara were in talks over access roads and drainage.

Once this has been completed proposals will be submitted.

Extra staff approved

PLANS to take on four extra workers to help run some of Dudley's top attractions in a move aimed at cutting overtime costs have been approved.

The new supply staff will work at sites such as the Red House Glass Cone, Wordsley.

Currently there are four museum supply assistants, but council chiefs say the demand for cover exceeds supply.

The move has been approved by cabinet member for personnel, law and property Councillor Adrian Turner.

Dunsley Hall Hotel will see a £5million expansion

One view of proposed changes to the hotel at Kinver

Hotel's £5m revamp is approved by planners

A £5MILLION extension will be built at an historic hotel in Kinver, creating 182 new jobs in the village.

South Staffordshire Council's regulatory committee gave plans for the expansion of the grade II listed Dunsley Hall Hotel, in Kinver, the thumbs up on April 26.

Under the scheme, 23 new bedrooms, a conference suite and spa will be built.

The hotel currently has 11 bedrooms but bosses have struggled to meet demand.

Plans were approved despite English Heritage objecting over concerns that the extension was "disproportionate" to the listed house.

The scheme will create 56 full-time and 126 part-time jobs.

Owners Wilf and Terrie Beardsmore

A stable block will be converted to provide bedrooms as part of the overhaul.

It is hoped the revamp will be completed next year.

The plans have been delayed with owners Terrie and Wilf Beardsmore going back to the drawing board to try to satisfy English Heritage.

Councillors backed the proposals, saying the scheme and jobs were welcome.

The revamp will make it one of the best places to stay in the Midlands, said councillors who backed the scheme.

Facility

Kinver councillor Brian Edwards said: "Bringing this number of jobs to a village the size of Kinver is a very important thing.

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Perton East member David Billson was equally enthusiastic. He said: "South Staffordshire needs this facility.

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Agent Richard Waltho told the committee the extension would "safeguard the viability of the business".

The Beardsmores had been forced to rethink their original plans after English Heritage criticised a proposed extension to the main hall.

The organisation said the development would be out of keeping with its character.

Despite the plans being withdrawn and altered to reduce the height of the extension, the heritage organisation maintained its objection.

It said the scheme remains "disproportionate to that of the listed house".

The extension will comprise a part single-storey, part two-storey link block.

This will connect the main hall to a new conference block arranged over three floors.

A basement would be created to reduce the scale of the development.

This level would include a cinema, function room and storage area.

The first floor accommodation, including seven additional bedrooms, would also be built into the roof of the extension.

Luxury

Other parts of the scheme include converting a stable block to create three luxury bedrooms and the refurbishment of existing glasshouses and potting sheds to create a spa.

Dilapidated garages would also be demolished and replaced with an extension linking the stable block and new spa. The hotel opened in 2007.

Bogus claims on car crashes

TWO WOMEN from the Black Country face jail terms after admitting involvement in a con to make bogus insurance claims for fictional car crashes.

Kiranjit Mand, aged 31, and Mati Irannezhad, 49, were among eight people to be hauled before the courts. Mand, of Pottery Road, Oldbury, and Irannezhad, of Barney Close, Tipton, both pleaded guilty to one count of fraud by false representation at Leicester Crown Court. It follows the outcome of other trials.

Lodging

The court heard how the gang of five men and three women scammed tens of thousands of pounds from insurance companies by lodging fraudulent claims.

Four incidents were reported – two each in Birmingham and Leicester – but only one happened.

Police learned 37-year-old Hooman Jaffari, from Leicester, was planning to claim for a fictional road collision. Enquiries led officers to a fraudulent claims company owned by Jaffari in Birmingham, called Accident Experts Limited. Jaffari acted as the intermediary between claimants and a claims firm in Lancashire which was unaware of the fraud.

Prosecutors said Jaffari managed to earn approximately £36,000 in commission. All eight members of the gang will be sentenced at a date to be confirmed.

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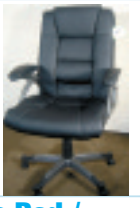

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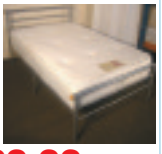

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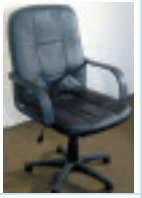

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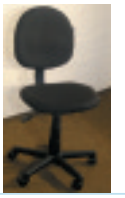

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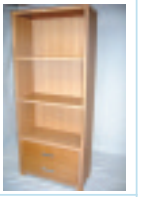

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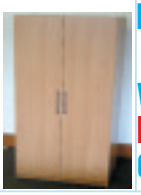

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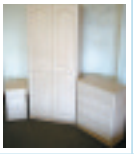

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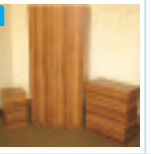

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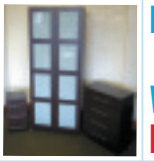

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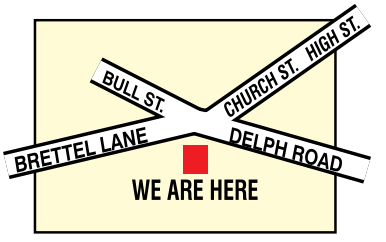

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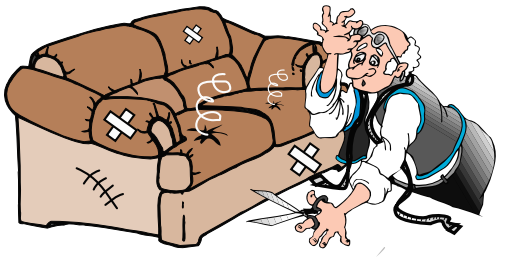

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Husband took identity of wife's dead cousin

A WOMAN smuggled her illegal immigrant husband into the country and claimed almost £40,000 in fraudulent benefits after he took on the name of a dead cousin to hide his true identity, a court heard.

Julie Ledgister, of Dudley, received a total of £38,857 in income support, council tax and housing benefits from the taxpayer by not revealing her husband lived with her.

The 43-year-old mother admitted the five-year scam at Wolverhampton Crown Court and was jailed for 18 weeks.

The court heard that Ledgister, of Ernest Road, had married her husband in the Americas in 1996. He then entered the country illegally, taking on the name of her dead cousin.

Ledgister fraudulently claimed benefits from June 2003 until she was caught in 2008.

Mr Graham Russell, prosecuting, said the benefit fraud only came to light after a Home Office investigation into her husband, who applied for a passport under the cousin's name.

Recorder Mr Stephen Thomas said that the offence had been "fraudulent from the outset" and said it was clear there had been no question at all of her living in poverty.

He told her: "What you did essentially was steal a large sum of money from the families who pay their taxes by going out to work.

Comfortable

"You were enjoying a rather comfortable life on the back of the money you were not entitled to receive," he added.

He added that the offences were too serious to warrant anything other than an immediate custodial sentence.

Mr Russell said that when the Home Office discovered the passport application from Ledgister's husband was fraudulent, they alerted the council which began to investigate.

Officers discovered that he had been living with her while she was claiming benefits, submitting numerous claims for income support, council tax and housing benefits from Dudley Council over five years.

He said that her husband had been sentenced at an earlier hearing.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said that Ledgister was a woman of previous good character and was in poor health, meaning she would not find it easy serving a prison sentence.

Displays strike the target

Harvington Hall history re-enactors Sharon Hill, David Bills, Michael Tromans, David Bywater and Alan Harvey retrieve their arrows during archery practice

AN HISTORIC HALL turned back the clock during a living history event to give visitors a glimpse into the past.

More than 500 people visited Harvington Hall, near Kidderminster, over the Easter weekend to watch as re-enactors brought the Elizabethan period back to life.

Families made the most of the blazing sunshine and watched as a light-hearted reconstruction of the battle with the Spanish Armada was performed at the historic site.

The show was a mummers play, an early form of comedy which was popular during the period, organised by the hall to show visitors the entertainment of the age.

It was staged by the Harvington House Re-enactment Group in the gardens of the hall. Staff also took people on a guided tour of the hall's historic network of priest holes, which date back to the late 1500s.

During the Elizabethan period it was treason to be a Roman Catholic priest in England but the hall's owner Humphrey Pakington was a staunch Roman Catholic and arranged for the hiding places to be built into the hall.

They were so successful no priest was ever discovered. The places of concealment still exist at the hall today and visitors are allowed to enter.

Staff from the hall said the weekend of events had been very successful.

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Nellie Hunt celebrates her birthday with, back from left, Chris Jinks, Catherine Sharp, Ron Sharp, Robert Sharp and Anita Sharp and, front, Norman Hunt and wife Valerie

Nellie Hunt on an AJS motorcycle in 1930 when she was about 19 years old

Nellie Hunt with her husband Leonard on holiday in Eastbourne in 1958. Sadly, Mr Hunt died 25 years ago

Birthday joy for great-great-granny Nellie

IT WAS cheers all round as Nellie Hunt celebrated her 100th birthday with her family.

Staff at The Woodlands Care Home in Wollaston, Stourbridge, staged a surprise party for Mrs Hunt, who has lived there for 13 years.

Her son Norman, two grandsons, Robert and Glenn, and great-granddaughter Catherine all turned out to enjoy a glass of fizz and some cake. The former shop worker from Birmingham grew up in Brookfields, Winson Green.

Active

Her husband Leonard, who died 25 years ago, painted motorcycles at the New Hudson factory in Summer Hill Street, Birmingham.

When he served with the Royal Engineers during the Second World War, Mrs Hunt went back to her job at a shop selling household products in Brookfields. In later life she moved to Great Barr but would travel to see family in Stourbridge.

Her son, Norman, 78, said: "She was always very active and I think that is why she has reached 100. She would ring my wife to meet her in a cafe in Stourbridge.

"She had travelled all the way from Great Barr – and she did that until she was at least 86."

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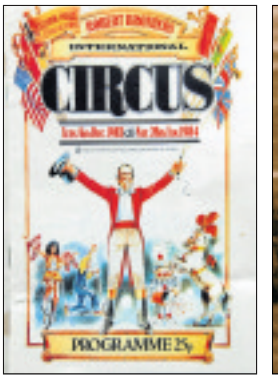
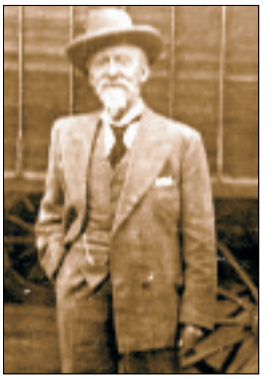
Looking back – Tommy Kayes, of Cradley Heath



The programme from 1984



Richard 'Buff Bill' in the 1920s

Amazing circus life is revealed by father's tapes

A CIRCUS BOSS has told of his terrifying escape from Nazi Europe in a unique recording of his life story left to his Cradley Heath family.

Lifelong performer James Kayes, who once met Adolf Hitler, had to leave behind all the animals, including his three most prized horses, when war broke out.

He recorded the enthralling story on tapes, leaving a lasting legacy to his family. His son Tommy Kayes, who worked in the circus himself before moving onto fairgrounds, unearthed the tapes earlier this year, seven years after his father's death.

Boss who met Hitler, married a footjuggler and lived to 86

Tommy, whose own children Ross and Scott now run the Kidsworld Fun Fair which tours Sandwell, added: "The tapes are fascinating.

"They were fairground people before there were rides, they had skills and menageries, it was brilliant. I am asking a friend to put the tapes on DVD to preserve the story."

Ringmaster and horse rider James was born into a family of circus people in Lidbrook in Monmouthshire, son to Richard "Buff Bill", who toured Europe with his horse-drawn USA Circus.

James Kayes during his heyday in 1982

Whirlwind

James was one of seven brothers and also had seven sisters, most of whom went into the circus. His whirlwind life story was preserved on the tapes in an interview for the British Library Archives, left to his son.

He made his ring debut at the age of six, dancing and drumming and toured with his father's show. It was as a teenager on a tour of Germany in 1933 that performers were introduced to statesmen, including Chancellor Hitler. His career was cut short when touring with the Jewish Strassburger family as the Circus Mikenie in Belgium when bombs began falling around their hotel.

Son Tommy, of Woodall Street, Cradley Heath, said: "He managed to escape from Ostend on one of the very last sailings with his brother Johnny, a lion tamer and rider, and sister Cissie, a lion, dog and horse trainer. He had to lose his best horse, though. He was that angry when he got back that they'd had to leave the best horses, he enlisted."

Johnny and James Kayes in 1931

James served in the Royal Air Force for six-and- a-half years, making his way up the ranks to sergeant during service in Palestine, Crete, Italy and Greece.

After they were demobbed, brothers James and Johnny teamed up again in 1946 with Major Russell's Continental Express Circus. The tapes recall that a year later, James married Yolanda Truzzi, making his father-in-law William Truzzi, former director of the Russian State Circus. Yolanda, whose father had a state funeral and whose ornate Russian grave features lion statues, had her own footjuggling act.

As James and Johnny's reputation as great bareback horse riders and performers grew, they set up their own Kayes Brothers' Circus from 1948-1957, working in England and Ireland. James then moved into the fairground world.

He would return to the sawdust ring in the 1980s in a pink tailcoat and top hat as ringmaster for Robert Brothers' circus at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow. "They knew his reputation and asked him to come out of retirement," Tommy added.

In 2001 James received a Lifetime Achievement Award from The World's Fair. He died in 2004, aged 86.

The mother of Tommy, footjuggler Yolanda Kayes in the 1930s

Pleasant times in store at pub

A COUPLE have stepped in to rescue their local Black Country pub after the doors closed without warning three months ago.

Steelworker Mark Rose and his wife Claire, a teaching assistant, have taken the reins of the Mount Pleasant in Cot Lane, Kingswinford.

The pub, which closed suddenly at the end of January, is a stone's throw from the couple's home.

The life-changing move will create up to 20 jobs. Mr Rose, aged 43, said they were keen to try to breathe new life into the pub.

"It is a completely new venture for us, but it is our local pub," he said.

The couple are currently refurbishing the premises, including a facelift for the bar, ready for the planned reopening on May 9.

"We will be introducing a new hot food bar menu, which will be available all day, every day," said Mr Rose.

Breakfast

There will also be a new breakfast and cake menu available – a first for the pub.

The popular lunchtime carvery will continue.

The pub, operated by Marston's Brewery, shut on January 24 with the loss of 25 jobs.

It is one of many to close during the past six months.

Mark and Claire Rose outside the Mount Pleasant

Blow for residents as quarry plan is revived

A CONTROVERSIAL quarry scheme at the back of a Dudley rugby club today has taken a leap forward as plans were submitted to begin excavating for gravel and minerals.

Plans to quarry land at the Mile Flat in Wall Heath, Dudley, at the rear of Dudley-Kingswinford Rugby Club, have been put in by contractor FG Davis, despite fears aired by local families.

Bosses had earlier declared their intentions by putting forward the proposals for inclusion in Staffordshire County Council's long-term quarrying plan, the Minerals Core Strategy.

The move sparked a storm of protest from residents who say a quarry would make their lives a misery.

But now FG Davis has submitted firm plans for the scheme, off Swindon Road, to the county council.

The company has also applied to extend its permission to continue work at its existing quarry site in Enville Road for another three years.

Residents are now gearing up for a new battle.

Wall Heath ward councillor Dave Tyler is spearheading the campaign and said he was prepared to fight the plans "all the way".

Outcry

"To think that there could be another site like this just around the corner and right next to the rugby club is terrible," he said.

"Having another quarry in the area would blight the area for at least another generation.

"Even in the medium term, we could have major problems with traffic, dust, and noise."

In 2001, the firm made an application to quarry the same site, but withdrew the plans at the last minute following public outcry.

Plans for two quarries emerged in 2009 when FG Davis applied for them to be included in the Minerals Core Strategy.

A decision on the proposals is expected by June.

In 2009, the council's regeneration chief Robert Marshall, said: "In simple English any new quarry will be almost certainly opposed and any extension to any existing quarry will be potentially opposed."

No-one from FG Davis was available for comment on the latest plans.

Car parking brings £1.5m for council

MORE THAN £1.5million has been paid out by motorists to park in Dudley over the last year.

There are 75 car parks in the borough providing almost 6,500 spaces. Chiefs say cash generated helps pay for road schemes.

New figures show the total paid by motorists in 2010 to park in council car parks was £1,561,916.56.

Dudley Council spokesman Phil Parker said: "Money generated is reinvested into the running of the car parks and other services relating to areas such as highways maintenance and transportation."

Car park prices vary across the borough and depending on the type of car park.

Split

Charges in car parks in Dudley are split into three scales ranging from 40 pence for up to an hour at some sites to £2.50 for 12 hours at other locations.

Season tickets are also available for £100 for three months and £335 for 12 months.

Dudley Council also has 26 civil enforcement officers who dish out parking tickets.

On average around 24,000 parking tickets are given out to motorists each year.

Numbers up on theft of plates

NUMBER plates have been stolen from more than 12,000 vehicles across the West Midlands in the last three years, new figures show.

Such plates are often used by criminals who do not want to be caught when committing a crime such as stealing fuel or if they want to disguise a stolen car.

Figures released by West Midlands Police show the number of vehicles where registration plates were stolen from April 2008 to the end of March this year was 12,347.

Secure

Some 3,890 were reported in 2008-09, 3,718 in 2009-10 and 4,613 in 2010-11.

Forty sets of plates were stolen in the Walsall borough during a month-long crime spree in March while in February plates were taken from 14 cars in Sandwell in less than a week.

They were used on vehicles stealing fuel by driving off from a petrol station without paying.

Police have warned motorists to secure their plates with anti-theft screws.

Officers have also worked with car dealerships in Wolverhampton to try to make the number plates more secure.

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Raiders punch elderly victim

MASKED raiders hit a pensioner in the face after breaking into his Black Country home. The 68-year-old was robbed at his home in Warley.

Two men, described as white and both wearing balaclavas, forced entry and threatened the man before punching him. They then stole bank cards and £20 before escaping at around 1am on Friday, April 29.

DC Matt Millward from Sandwell CID said: "This was a nasty incident and police inquiries are ongoing to catch those responsible."

The victim is not the only person in the region to have been attacked at home recently. Two elderly people were left with broken bones, deep cuts and clumps of hair missing after being targeted in two separate raids in Pheasey, Walsall.

Police are concerned that as the weather gets warmer people will leave doors and windows open, rendering their homes vulnerable. Anyone with information can call police on 0345 113 5000.

Car smashes into garden wall

A CAR crashed into a garden wall after swerving to avoid a vehicle from the opposite direction.

It happened in Timbertree Road, Cradley Heath, at about 7pm on April 29. The woman driver had no serious injuries.

Century old watch now back at its former home

A POCKET WATCH which travelled to the other side of the world early in the last century has made it home to the Black Country.

The miniature timepiece belonged to the Rev Thomas Swindell who was vicar at All Saints' Church in Sedgley from 1888 to 1929.

The gold watch was inscribed and given to him by his parishioners in 1913 as a thank you for his first 25 years of service.

Over the decades it has been passed down through generations of Mr Swindell's descendants, ending up with his great-grand-niece in British Columbia, Canada.

But it has now been welcomed back to All Saints after family friend David Shelton took it to Sedgley and presented it to current vicar, the Rev Stephen Buckley.

A close-up of the watch

The church plans to put the watch on show during special events so it can be seen by the whole community.

Mr Buckley, who has been at the church since February 2000, said: "I am pleased the watch has come back to the parish.

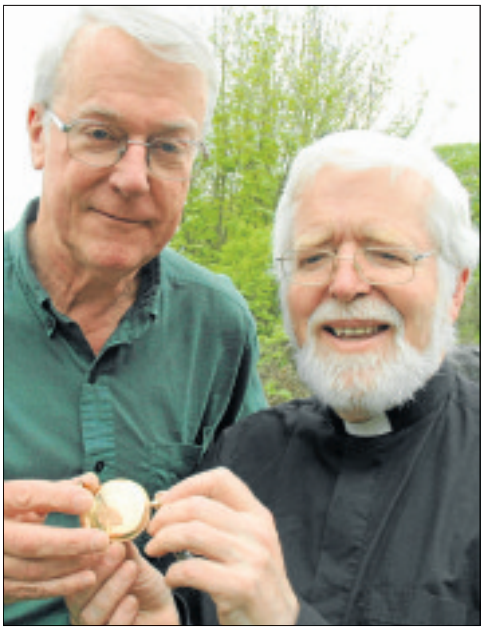
"It is a nice thing for the church to have.

"We will put it on display at times; we obviously can't do that all the time, but we want to give people the chance to see it as it is a very nice watch."

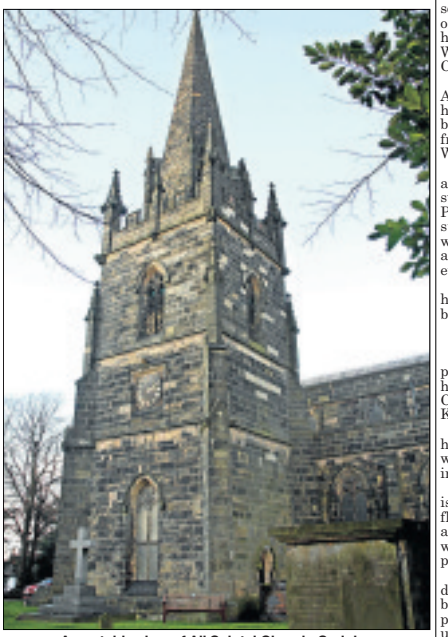
Mr Shelton had tracked down the watch's origins and got in touch with Mr Buckley with the help of Sedgley Local History Society. He delivered the watch while on holiday in England.

It is believed one of Mr Swindell's sons emigrated to Canada and that is how part of the family ending up living there.

Mr Swindell was the longest serving vicar at All Saints – completing 42 years there before he died in 1929. He is buried in Gospel End Street cemetery.



David Shelton with the Rev Stephen Buckley and the historic watch



An outside view of All Saints' Church, Sedgley

As well as a watch, a commemorative book was made to mark Mr Swindell's 25th anniversary at the church and a copy is now kept at the Dudley Archives centre.

Mr Swindell's great grand-niece had originally intended to sell the watch.

She had asked a Canadian gold and silver trader to find a buyer.

But when she found out the church was interested in having the watch, she said that she could not accept any money for it.

A church has been on the site of All Saints Church in Vicar Street since the 12th century.

The current building dates back to 1805 and opposite is the vicarage and church hall.

● The church wants to hear from anyone who can help fill in any more details of the watch's past. Call 01902 883255.

Plans to bring in new flood defences

PLANS for a new £700,000 flood defence scheme to protect dozens of homes in Bewdley have been lodged with Wyre Forest District Council.

The Environment Agency proposals are to help prevent properties being damaged by water from Riddings Brook in Wribbenhall.

If the plans are approved, work might start by the end of May. Proposals are for a water storage embankment which would hold large amounts of water in the event of a flash flood.

The water would be held in a reservoir before being released gradually.

Intense

The defences would protect more than 50 homes along Riddings Close, Queensway and Kidderminster Road.

In June 2007 dozens of homes in Queensway were flooded following an intense storm.

The agency says there is a five per cent chance of flooding in the area in any given year. The work would reduce this to one per cent.

Residents in the Riddings Close area have been consulted on the plans which were drawn up following studies into the flow of the brook. Experts also consulted historical records.

Bewdley already has defences at Beales Corner on the Wribbenhall side of the River Severn as well as on the opposite side along Severnside North and South.

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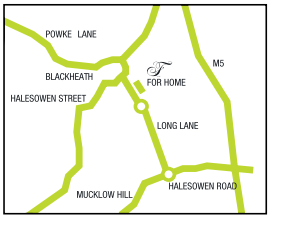

The big switch to digital TV happens in SEPTEMBER

The switch to digital TV comes to Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme and much of the West Midlands in September. So make sure all of your TV equipment is ready or you'll start to lose TV channels. Switchover dates vary depending on where you live. To double check your dates, enter your postcode at **digitaluk.co.uk**, or call **08456 50 50 50**.

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The new 3D stuff dazzles at city Gadget Show

Crowds of gadget lovers tried out the latest tech

THE Gadget Show Live last month proved a phenomenal success and further established the show at the NEC as the UK's leading consumer technology event.

The show attracted a record attendance figure of 104,759 with around 20,000 consumers visiting each day the show was open to the public.

Based on the popular Five television programme, The Gadget Show Live, the event had more than 200 exhibitors showcasing thousands of products.

Visitors tried exciting gadgetry and had the chance to interact with the latest in 3D, gaming, tech transport and the latest tablets to rival – or under cut in price – the highly desirable iPad.

Those attending also experienced technology of the future in the Future Tech Zone, with everything from eye and mind control gaming through to augmented reality and truly wireless technology for the home on display.

More than 67,500 people attended the Super Theatre, which accommodated just under 4,500 visitors three times daily. Presenters from the TV show, Jason Bradbury, Wolverhampton's Suzi Perry, Jon Bentley, Ortis Deley and Pollyanna Woodward gave a high-energy performance. The latest in wearable technology from CuteCircuit was also showcased with a specially designed electronic dress made exclusively for Pollyanna.

An iRobot Roomba cleaner

Several World Records were smashed at this year's show, including the world's lightest touch-screen mobile phone, awarded to sWaP and the largest mobile phone gaming party organised by Kick Energy in the Game Zone.

The Gadget Show Live also hosted the first UK viewing of several eagerly anticipated games including DiRT3 from Codemasters (released May 24), the new Duke Nukem game from 2K games and EA's Need for Speed: Shift 2 Unleashed.

The first up-to-28mph street legal e-bicycle, the Grace E Bike was also launched in the UK at the show, Personal Projector showed their new pico range and Wacom had an exclusive preview of their new Stylus Bamboo range for the iPad.

The University of Wolverhampton was represented at the show for the second year and was a part of the exciting new possibilities in 3D technology.

Visitors to the university's stand were able to wear 'stereo shutter glasses' and test their skills at forklift truck driving in a 3d virtual reality environment. Academics and students on architecture and design courses have developed stereoscopic 3D virtual environments so buildings can be explored before they are even built.

Two interactive robots developed by lecturers for budding computer engineers to learn theory hands-on and a console-controlled airship designed by final year student Ed Wilson were also on show.

Tablets, apps and 3D were the hottest topics across the show. There was a lot of interest in the budget but good looking tablet computers from View Quest and Elonex, which aim to make tablets affordable enough for one per family member rather than one tablet per household.

Gadgets guru Tom Dunmore previewed some of the amazing applications (apps) coming our way and predicted the triumph of the Android market across several tech platforms.

It is currently mostly used by mobile phone users and gives access to 30,000 apps.

Leon Burakowski

Getting to grassroots of football coaching

This is your chance to be in squad for this major show

CALLING all you sports fans, the Grass Roots Football Show is back for 2011 and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

This year's must attend football event will take place at The NEC in Birmingham on Friday June 3 - Sunday June 5.

The Grass Roots football family have shown their support since the show launched in 2005 with over 60,000 attendees making it is the biggest event of its kind in Europe.

2011 is set to be the biggest yet with new show ambassador Robbie Savage being joined by a host of the biggest names in football. The Derby County and former Welsh international has developed a keen interest in football coaching and the development of junior football as he comes to the end of his illustrious career.

He said: "This is the best show of its kind in Britain and deserves an ever greater platform and profile.

Opportunity

"I am the proud parent of two young sons who are starting out on the grass roots footballing ladder. It is vital that all young children in this country – boys and girls – are given the very best coaching development as they grow up.

"This show encourages the development of coaches and of best coaching practice. Most of all, its vital that our youngsters enjoy playing football and are encouraged to continue playing the game at adult level too.

"This show offers an opportunity for all of the thousands of coaches and those involved in the grass roots game to meet up with the professionals and learn and showcase new skills, coaching clinics and be educated and entertained.

"I have the utmost admiration and respect for all the junior football coaches who devote their time, money and energies into giving our young people a chance to play organised football."

Grass Roots Football Director, Joanna Burns, said; "Grass roots football is one of the hottest topics in sport at the moment. With major announcements due in the coming weeks, we are planning the most exciting show in the history of the event and we can't wait to get started.

"This year we have more coaches, more experts, more players and greater participation and we aim to reinforce the Grass Roots Football Show as the must attend event for coach education and development in the UK. We are urging all of the football family to come and get involved, have fun and learn from the very best football people."

The Grass Roots Football Show is the premier destination for the grass roots football family with leading sports brands, governing bodies, coaches and youngsters attending.

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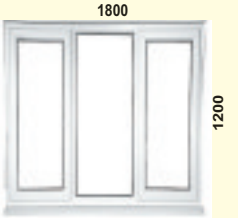

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Delay on brewery decision

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The future of Langley Maltings in Oldbury has been in doubt following a catalogue of attacks at the Western Road site.

Specialist architects are still on site drawing up a report for future uses of the building, as it may no longer be suitable to be used for housing.

Parts of the Grade II listed building have already been demolished.

Businessmen Lehmber Singh and Harbhajan Singh Dhadday who run D&S Enterprises Ltd bought the property for £1million in 2007.

Mr Singh said it would be at least six to eight months before the owners were expecting to receive a final report on the building's condition.

Woman died after falling

A WOMAN died after suffering falls at a Black Country residential home, an inquest heard.

Doris Ryder, aged 83, died on April 22 at Wordsley Hall in Mill Street, Wordsley.

The inquest was opened and adjourned at Smethwick Coroners Court. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said: "Although the medical cause of death is bronchopneumonia, there may be some connection between that and the falls."

Stepping out in aid of charity

Geoff Hill, Denise Hudson and Deb Barnett ready for the walk

MORE THAN 200 Midlanders put their best foot forward for charity at a beauty spot.

Fundraisers walked around Bodenham Arboretum at Wolverley, near Kidderminster, to raise funds to help cancer patients.

It was organised by the Rainbow Breast Reconstruction Group, which supports breast cancer patients.

Organisers hope the amount raised from sponsorship money will match last year's fundraising total of £10,500.

The walk last week was started by Stourbridge fundraiser Geoff Hill MBE.

Denise Hudson, of Chantry Road, Stourton, who founded the support group with friend Deb Barnett, said: "We had more than 230 walkers so we were very pleased with the turnout.

"The weather wasn't too hot so it was ideal for walking."

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Keyboards Begs/Imp Age 5+ (Equipment Provided)	5	6-7.30 pm	Mon	£5 per Session
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	Wks	Day	Time	Price
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Salsa Dancing (Int) ***ASSESSMENT BY TUTOR***	10	Tues	7.15 - 8.15pm	£20.00
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Council reveals bill to buy landmark cone site

DUDLEY Council paid almost £225,000 for borough landmark the Red House Glass Cone, it can be revealed.

Bosses have previously remained tight-lipped about how much they had spent on the historic building in Wordsley

It was snapped up as a springboard for a project to link the cone – one of only four remaining in Britain – with a new attraction at the former Stuart Crystal works across the road.

The property register, filed with the Land Registry, revealed the cost as £224,000. It was bought from former owners Stuart & Sons in October. The council had previously leased the building.

A feasibility study is currently being carried out for the scheme at the site, known as the White House Cone, across the road.

The council and Complex Developments Ltd, which owns the former crystal works site, are drawing up a bid for European funding to bankroll the scheme, which would include an underground tunnel linking the two sites.

The total cost of the project would be between £3m and £5m, and a bid for up to half of that is expected to be made. Repair work on the former Stuart Crystal shop, which will form part of the same scheme, is expected to start by the summer.

Dudley council's director of urban environment John Millar,said: "We acquired the site to secure our positions as freehold owners of it having previously had a 99 year lease on the cone and the buildings immediately around it.

Regeneration

"The site is a significant heritage asset to this borough and its acquisition gives us much greater security on the site, and also links in with aspirations to further develop the site alongside the wider regeneration projects in that area."

The former Stuart Crystal glass works was taken over by Waterford Wedgwood in a £4 million deal in 2001.

The company axed all 220 manufacturing jobs at the site. Waterford Wedgwood was forced to shut the shop on the site after they went into administration.

One-way scheme to stop detour

A ONE-WAY system is being installed in a Black Country street to stop it being used as a rat run.

Residents started campaigning for measures to be taken in 2007 as they said speeding drivers used Green Lane in Halesowen as a route to avoid the busy Shell Corner.

Dudley Council has now agreed to make Green Lane, Clement Road and Church Street one way.

Locals said they found it difficult to cross the road at peak times because traffic was so heavy.

Action

They also found it difficult to park their cars on the road as queues stretched back from the junctions.

A petition of 50 names was sent to the council and residents also wrote letters demanding action is taken.

John Astley, aged 75, of Green Lane, said: "It's been a nightmare.

"I'm glad something is finally being done," he added.

Stuart Henley, a 40-year-old father-of-one, who lives in Green Lane, said: "It's great to finally get it implemented."

Dudley Council spokesman Chris Howes said that the one-way system at Green Lane, Clement Road and Church Street would be up and running within the next couple of months.

Pay cut on mileage approved

PLANS to reduce mileage payments for workers at Sandwell Council – in a bid to save £1 million – are going ahead, despite threats of a walkout by staff.

The move means the amount staff who use their cars for work can claim will be cut from 65p to 45p per mile, despite the increasing price of fuel.

Councillors approved the decision at a meeting of the council despite opposition from unions. Workers have claimed the move amounts to "effectively a wage cut" and threatened industrial action.

Sickness shock of staff at fire service

BACK office staff at West Midlands fire service took almost twice the number of sick days as front-line firefighters, it has emerged.

While uniformed firefighters took an average of 5.27 days off sick each last year – slightly better than their bosses expected – control staff and other workers lost 9.12 days each.

The fire service expected to lose an average of 5.5 days for each worker.

West Midlands Fire Service employs 2,403 staff in total, of whom around 2,000 are firefighters.

Non-uniformed staff accounted for around 3,500 days of lost time in 2010/11.

The overall average for staff sickness was 6.15 days.

A plan for the service states: "This challenging target will be achieved through better understanding and targetting of the reasons for absence."

Carpet of blue draws walkers

Jodie Walker, aged 26, enjoying the stunning display of bluebells with her daughter Madison Walker-Carter, two, and nephew Brandon Edwards, four

FAMILIES in the Black Country have been out enjoying the sunshine as colourful carpets of bluebells spring up in woodland across the region.

Dozens of walkers have headed to Saltwells Nature Reserve in Netherton, Dudley, making the most of the bank holiday breaks.

The beautiful blue and green displays have arrived on time despite fears that the bitterly cold weather at the start of the year could delay flowering season.

The ancient Saltwells woods are managed all year round to conserve the habitat – which allows the traditional British bluebell to thrive.

Lady Dudley planted Saltwells Wood in the eighteenth century to hide the scars of coal mining.

Turbine bid for Valley slated

PLANS for a £3 million wind turbine in the middle of a Black Country nature spot have been called "unrealistic" by opponents.

Sandwell Council is considering installing a 200ft high structure in Sandwell Valley to power 1,500 homes, but the plans were criticised by the borough's Conservative group leader Councillor Ray Nock.

Bosses say if a wind turbine was installed in Sandwell Valley it would be screened by foliage and high trees and noise would be drowned out by the M5.

Councillor Nock however said: "The only way these turbines provide as much electricity as is hoped is if they are in the middle of a blustering gale and that is not going to be the case."

Flow

The site is apparently the only one suitable in the borough which has sufficient wind flow and does not affect flight paths or overhead power lines.

Another site which was considered for a potential turbine was Rowley Hills. but the area was not deemed suitable.

The scheme is one of a number of "spend to save" projects put on hold as the council battles to claw back £75 million in the next four years.

The borough already has one publicly-owned turbine – a 33ft Air Dolphin turbine off Taylors Lane, Oldbury, near the tip in Shidas Lane.

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Tom Grosvenor's player's medals from 1933

Sealing Tom's transfer to Sheffield Wednesday for £2,500

Tom, top row, second from right, at Birmingham City

The footballer with his bull terrier Pete

Memorabilia recalling Tom's time at the top

In the 1930s Tom Grosvenor was one of the region's top footballers. Now his England memorabilia has turned up at a jeweller's in Dudley. CATHY SPENCER reports

Robert Joseph with Tom's England caps

HE GREW tomatoes, kept pigeons and entered flower shows. Oh, and he also played football for England.

Now Tom Grosvenor's football memorabilia has been handed in to Rex Johnson Jewellers in Dudley where staff have had it framed to keep in the shop.

Among the items are three England caps, an England shirt and gold medals.

Cartoons from newspapers of the day talk about Tom, whose name was Arthur Thomas Grosvenor, and his wonderful football skills.

One says: "His control of the high ball with his foot had to be seen to be believed." Another says: "Whenever the forwards turned on the heat, Tom controlled the air."

David Walters, a valuer for Rex Johnson Jewellers on Birdcage Walk, says staff were stunned when the memorabilia was brought in.

"It is not the kind of thing you see every day," says David, 47. "It is great to see these items because they tell you a lot about football in the 1930s. In those days footballers were expected to sew their numbers onto their England shirts! Each time they played for England, the footballers were offered a gold medal or the equivalent in cash – more often than not they took the cash."

Crib

However, twice Tom decided to have a medal to mark his time playing for England and both are dated from 1933. A newspaper article, entitled "At home with Tom Grosvenor" shows pictures of the player with his prize winning bull terrier Pete, playing crib with his mum and giving his dad a hand growing tomatoes.

As well as football Tom enjoyed swimming and looking after pigeons at his Netherton home. He was born on November 22, 1908 and died aged 63 in 1972 after working at Controlled Heat and Air Ltd in Smethwick. Born in Netherton, Tom started his football career at Vono Works in Cradley Heath, where he worked, and was then with Stourbridge before moving to Birmingham City in 1928, after trials with West Bromwich, where his brother Percy played, and Wolves.

His early career was disrupted by injury, including cartilage problems in 1929, a dislocated elbow in 1931 and a broken leg in 1934. But he made 115 first team appearances for Birmingham and played three times for England in 1933, scoring twice.

Peter Lewis, programme editor at Birmingham City FC says: "He was basically a creator of chances for others and scored only 27 goals in his career. Joe Bradford, in particular, profited from his creative skills in the mid-1930s and Grosvenor's form around this period was recognised by England and the Football League."

Tom leaps up to head the ball in a match at Birmingham City FC

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After victory in front of his home fans in 2008, Lewis Hamilton will be looking to emulate this success again, whilst Jenson Button would love to win at Silverstone and join the list of elite British drivers to win in front of a home crowd, including Jackie Stewart, James Hunt, Nigel Mansell, Damon Hill and David Coulthard.

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HATTIE
BBC2, 9.45pm

Hattie Jacques. The well-worn phrase "larger than life" springs to mind whenever she's mentioned – as well as the infamous Carry On series of films. In fact, many people will know her only for the roles she played in those movies, but as this drama – originally broadcast on BBC Four in January – proves, there was an awful lot more than that to the actress, who died just over 30 years ago. She usually played "mumsy" characters, yet in real life left her husband, future Dad's Army star John Le Mesurier, for a younger man. It's this period of her life that forms the basis of this drama. Ruth Jones is brilliantly cast in the title role alongside Robert Bathurst, Aiden Turner and Jeany Spark.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.30** Match of the Day Live. Coverage of a Championship match (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders (Kick-off 3.15pm). **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Don't Scare the Hare.

6.15 Doctor Who.
7.00 So You Think You Can Dance Live. Cat Deeley introduces the remaining contestants, who take to the stage once again in couples, hoping to avoid elimination by impressing the judges and winning viewers' votes. The results can be seen at 8.55pm.
8.05 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.
8.55 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the fewest votes perform again.
9.25 Casualty. Jordan is forced to deal with the aftermath of Polly's death.
10.15 BBC News; Weather.
10.35 Match of the Day; National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of the final regular weekend of the season; Weatherview.

1.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **11.00** Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix – Qualifying. Live coverage of the session at Istanbul Park (Start-time 12.00pm). **1.30** The Sky at Night. (R) **1.50** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **2.35** Film: Legend. (1985) Fantasy adventure, with Tom Cruise. **4.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.00 FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience. (1971) An over-eager trade union representative calls a strike at a toilet factory, but unrest is quelled by a trip to the seaside. Comedy, starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams.
7.30 Dad's Army. A secret weapon goes haywire and threatens Walmington-on-Sea. (R)
8.00 Versailles: The Dream of a King. Docu-drama recreating the life and loves of Louis XIV. (R)
9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Alexander Armstrong hosts, with guests Ross Noble and Victoria Coren. (R)
9.45 Hattie. Drama, starring Ruth Jones.
11.10 This Is Your Life. A tribute to actress Hattie Jacques. (R)
11.40 Later with Jools Holland. With Adele, R Kelly and Young the Giant. (R)

12.45 Film: Swimming with Sharks. (1994) Black comedy, starring Kevin Spacey.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** House Gift. (R) **9.25** Coronation Street. **12.10** This Morning: Saturday. **1.10** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** Monk. **2.10** Totally You've Been Framed! (R) **3.10** Film: The Man with the Golden Gun. (1974) James Bond thriller, starring Roger Moore. **5.30** Regional Programmes. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New People Do the Funniest Things. Featuring a selection of viewer-submitted comical clips, including the world's weirdest homes and a man who can pull trains with his teeth.
7.00 Sing if You Can. Jedward, Faye Tozer and Sinitta take on Toyah Willcox, Ben Richards and Sian Reeves, with X Factor judge Louis Walsh among the panellists. Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon host.
8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the latest round of auditions.
9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff. The Britain's Got Talent judge talks about his career and personal life.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 FILM: Magnum Force. (1973) Action thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood.

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Swingtown. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British GT Championship. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Friends. (R) **9.20** T4: Koko Pop. **9.50** T4: Friends. (R) **10.25** T4: Glee. **11.20** T4: Great British Hairdresser. **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. A woman hosts an Italian-themed night.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 River Cottage Autumn Collection. Highlights from the seasonal series. (R)
8.00 The Untold Battle of Trafalgar. The role of foreign sailors in the Royal Navy during the Battle of Trafalgar. (R)
9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.
10.20 Stand Up for the Week.
11.10 FILM: What Lies Beneath. (2000) Supernatural thriller, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Harrison Ford.

1.35 Atlantic. (R) **1.40** No, No, No. (R) **1.45** Lucky Escape. (R) **1.50** Gone Fishing. (R) **2.05** Ugly Betty. (R) **2.50** Running in Heels. (R) **4.25** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **10.10** How Do They Do It? (R) **10.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.40** Film: Ben-Hur. (1959) Oscar-winning epic, starring Charlton Heston. **3.50** Film: The Train Robbers. (1973) Western, starring John Wayne. **5.35** Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.

8.15 5 News Weekend.
8.20 NCIS. Gibbs tries to extract information from a convict on death row about where he hid his victims – but the killer proves reluctant to confess. (R)
9.15 CSI: Miami. Horatio and the team discover a woman's body in a secret tunnel leading to a bank vault – and the subsequent investigation leads them to a millionaire's wayward daughter. (R)
10.15 CSI: NY. An old man is fatally shot in a subway, but further investigation reveals the victim is in fact a woman wearing a disguise, and the team struggles to determine her true identity.
11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A link is found between two very different cases. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.45 Film: Twister (1996) **7.00** Superhuman: Super Strong **8.00** Homes from Hell **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: The Matrix (1999)

ITV3
3.40 A Touch of Frost **5.55** Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Foyle's War **11.05** Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians v Delhi DareDevils. **7.30** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **9.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **10.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **11.00** Film: Casino (1995)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who Confidential **7.45** Top Gear **8.45** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Family Guy **10.50** Family Guy Presents: Seth and Alex's Almost Live Comedy Show **11.10** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle **8.00** If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home **9.00** Spiral **10.50** The Lighthouse Stevensons **11.50** Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Make It or Break It **5.00** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

FILM4
3.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **5.15** Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984) **7.15** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **9.00** Iron Man (2008) **11.20** Pan's Labyrinth (2006)

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BBC2, 9pm

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** The Politics Show; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Live. The fourth race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.25** Escape to the Country. **4.25** Life of Riley. (R) **4.55** Points of View. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.10 Land Girls. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Penwith Peninsula, the westernmost point in mainland Britain, to meet a seascape artist, and Julia Bradbury cooks a dish using Japanese knotweed. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Hutton-in-the-Forest, a country house in Cumbria, where items up for valuation include a painting that was once used for target practice.
9.00 Atlantis. Historical drama, starring Stephanie Leonidas and Reece Ritchie.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 The Gatwick Baby: Abandoned at Birth.
11.25 FILM: Irresistible. (2006) Thriller, starring Susan Sarandon; Weatherview.

1.05 Sign Zone: MasterChef. **2.05** Holby City. **3.05** Churches: How to Read Them. **3.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.30** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Halifax RLFC v Bradford Bulls (Kick-off 3.15pm). **5.30** Film: The Red Baron. (2008) First World War biopic, starring Matthias Schweighofer.

7.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. New series. The design secrets of Dubai's Burj Al Arab hotel.
8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. New series. Paul Rose, Tooni Mahto and Frank Pope explore the waters surrounding Britain, beginning with marine life off the coasts of Cornwall, South Wales and Devon.
9.00 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. The businessman and former Tottenham Hotspur chairman investigates the financial problems affecting English football, and proposes his own solutions to help the game.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Chelsea.
11.10 The Shadow Line. (R)

12.10 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. **1.50** BBC News. **3.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Sing if You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.40** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.40** Film: About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette.

6.30 Regional Programmes.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Cube. A penguin keeper and a 31-year-old man take up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield.
8.00 Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope sets out to solve the murder of a teenage girl 11 years earlier, exposing the secrets and lies of a close-knit community. Hugo Speer guest stars.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: Robson Green and the Pitmen Painters. Actor explores how a group of 1930s miners became artists.
11.15 Surgery School. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. **1.00** The Zone; ITV News. **2.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.30** Freesports on 4. **7.55** T4: The Crush. **8.20** T4: Friends. (R) **8.50** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.25** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **3.30** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts compete in east London.
8.00 The Hotel. A couple's third anniversary becomes a night to forget.
9.00 FILM: How to Lose Friends & Alienate People. (2008) Premiere. A self-promoting writer lands a job at a fashion magazine, but struggles to adapt to the world of celebrity. Comedy, starring Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst and Jeff Bridges.
11.10 FILM: Big Momma's House. (2000) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.

1.00 Japan Disaster Benefit. (R) **1.45** Film: Kontroll. (2003) **3.45** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **4.40** Great British Brands. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** Funky Valley. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** OK! TV Sunday. **11.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) **12.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.00** The King's Speech: Revealed. (R) **3.00** Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. **5.05** 5 News Weekend. **5.10** Film: Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger. (1977) Fantasy adventure, starring Patrick Wayne.

7.25 FILM: X2. (2003) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman.
10.00 The Walking Dead.
11.05 FILM: The Dentist. (1996) Horror, starring Corbin Bernsen.

12.55 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.00 Film: Twister (1996) **5.15** Britain's Got Talent **6.15** The Only Way Is Essex **8.00** Kerry Katona: The Next Chapter **9.00** Peter Andre: The Next Chapter **10.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff **11.00** Film: The Bucket List (2008)

ITV3
3.10 Film: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) **6.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.50** The Best of Mr Bean **9.00** Film: Gorillas in the Mist (1988) **11.40** Film: Dolores Claiborne (1995)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Pune Warriors. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) **11.15** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Doctor Who **8.45** Doctor Who Confidential **9.00** Little Britain **9.30** Family Guy: Groundbreaking Gags **10.00** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** The Secret Life of the National Grid **9.00** The Secret Life of Waves **10.00** Film: Jar City (2006) **11.30** Classic Albums

E4
3.50 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **7.55** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

FILM4
3.10 The Cat Returns (2002) **4.45** Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) **6.55** Three Men and a Baby (1987) **8.55** Attack the Block Special **9.00** Along Came a Spider (2001) **11.00** The Descent (2005)

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Missing 2011. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Dom. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Saints and Scroungers. (R) 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Track My Trash: Panorama. 9.00 Woolton Bassett: The Town That Remembers. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show; (R) Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) 1.25 Sir Bobby Charlton: Football Icon. (R) 2.25 A Home for Maisie. (R) 3.25 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 3.55 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Atlantis: The Evidence – A Timewatch Special. (R) 8.00 Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. 9.00 Children's Craniofacial Surgery. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) 12.10 BBC News. 4.00 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Strangeways. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The Shawshank Redemption. (1994) Prison drama, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. 1.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.15 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Friends. (R) 9.00 Wife Swap USA. (R) 9.55 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 1.40 Film: Journey to the Centre of the Earth. (1959) Sci-fi adventure, starring Pat Boone. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Supersize vs Superskinny. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 Campus. 11.05 Misfits. 12.10 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.10 Freesports on 4. (R) 1.40 The Grid. (R) 2.05 British GT Championship. (R) 2.30 FIM Superbike World Championship. 3.00 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 3.25 FIVB Beach Volleyball. (R) 4.20 Catching the Impossible. (R) 5.10 Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.10 Film: Stranger with my Face. (2009) Premiere. Mystery, starring Catherine Hicks. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Highland Emergency; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Supersize Grime; 5 News at 9. 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team faces the prospect of a busy night shift. 10.00 CSI: Miami. (R) 10.55 CSI: NY. Stella's life is endangered by a fire. (R) 11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.50 SuperCasino. 4.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.15 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Missing 2011. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Dom. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 The Apprentice. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. 10.35 See You in Court. 11.25 The Lock Up. (R) 11.55 Film: Night Watch. (1995) Crime thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan; Weatherview. 1.35 Sign Zone: Madagascar. (R) 2.35 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 3.35 Churches: How to Read Them. (R) 4.05 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Britain's Secret Seas. (R) 8.00 Britain's Next Big Thing. 9.00 The Country House Revealed. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired! 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.35 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Military Driving School. 8.00 Countrywise. 9.00 Home Is Where the Heart Is. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) Sci-fi comedy, starring Jack Nicholson. 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Crossing Jordan. 3.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 11.00 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.40 Film: Journey to the Centre of the Earth. (1959) Sci-fi adventure, starring Pat Boone. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Supersize vs Superskinny. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 Campus. 11.05 Misfits. 12.10 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.10 Freesports on 4. (R) 1.40 The Grid. (R) 2.05 British GT Championship. (R) 2.30 FIM Superbike World Championship. 3.00 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 3.25 FIVB Beach Volleyball. (R) 4.20 Catching the Impossible. (R) 5.10 Full Metal Challenge. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.10 Film: Stranger with my Face. (2009) Premiere. Mystery, starring Catherine Hicks. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Highland Emergency; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Supersize Grime; 5 News at 9. 9.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team faces the prospect of a busy night shift. 10.00 CSI: Miami. (R) 10.55 CSI: NY. Stella's life is endangered by a fire. (R) 11.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.50 SuperCasino. 4.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.15 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Missing 2011. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Dom. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Waterloo Road; BBC News; Regional News. 8.30 Life of Riley. 9.00 The Apprentice. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. 10.45 Would I Lie to You? (R) 11.15 Film: Bad Company. (2002); National Lottery Update; Weatherview. 1.10 Sign Zone: See Hear. (R) 1.40 Watchdog. (R) 2.40 Atlantis. (R) 3.40 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 4.10 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 Two Greedy Italians. 9.00 Wonderland: The Trouble with Love and Sex. 9.50 Coast. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired! 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. 11.50 Film: French Film. (2008) 1.15 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Poms in Paradise. 8.00 The National Movie Awards. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Cops with Cameras. (R) 11.35 Long Lost Family. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Film: Alien Siege. (2005) Sci-fi thriller, starring Brad Johnson. 4.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Friends. (R) 9.50 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 The TV Book Club. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. 8.30 Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 Desperate Housewives. 11.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 Music on 4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. 12.05 Music on 4: Abbey Road Debuts. 12.20 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces – Yasmin. 12.35 Music on 4: 4Play: Aloe Blacc. 12.55 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. 1.10 Music on 4: The Crush. 2.00 Supersize vs Superskinny Kids. (R) 2.55 Film: Blanche Fury. (1948) 4.35 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 3.15 Film: Victor. (2008) 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Zoo Days; (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Essex Jungle; 5 News at 9. 9.00 NCIS. 10.00 Law & Order: Criminal Intent. (R) 10.55 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R) 11.55 Poker: Aussie Millions. 12.50 SuperCasino. 4.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.15 How Not to Decorate. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Missing 2011. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Dom. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Watchdog. 9.00 Inside the Human Body. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Question Time. 11.35 This Week; Holiday Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: Track My Trash: Panorama. (R) 12.55 Countryfile. (R) 1.55 Antiques Roadshow. (R) 2.55 Neighbourhood Watched. (R) 3.40 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Coast. (R) 8.00 The Animal's Guide to Britain. 9.00 The Shadow Line. 10.00 Psychoville 2. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. (R) 12.20 Children's Craniofacial Surgery. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 3.40 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 The True Cost of a Car: Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Long Lost Family. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff. (R) 11.35 The Late Debate. 12.05 Grimefighters. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 The True Cost of a Car: Tonight. (R) 3.00 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 Jeremy Kyle: Morning Surgery. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Treacle People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 The TV Book Club. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York and Salisbury. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Three in a Bed. 9.00 A Very Dangerous Doctor. 10.40 The Secret Millionaire. (R) 11.45 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.15 Music on 4: The JD Set: Manchester. 12.30 Music on 4: Album Chart Show Introduces – Jamie Woon. 12.45 Music on 4: 4Play: Oh Land. 1.00 The Model Agency. (R) 1.55 Supersize vs Superskinny Kids. (R) 2.50 A Year Inside Number 10. (R) 3.45 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.35 Great British Brands. (R) 4.50 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Missing 2011. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Dom. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 The Comedy Genius of John Sullivan. 9.00 Have I Got News for You. 9.30 Outnumbered. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 The One Show. (R) 12.30 Film: The Best Man. (2005); Weatherview. 2.05 Sign Zone: The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 3.05 The Boat That Guy Built. (R) 3.35 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.05 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Windfarm Wars. 8.00 Gardeners' World. 8.30 Film: An Education. (2009) 10.00 Later with Jools Holland. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show; Weather. 11.50 Later with Jools Holland. 12.55 Film: Sugarhouse. (2007) 2.25 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

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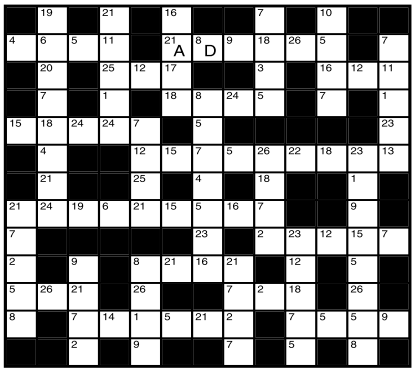

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Stay well away from work! (8)
5. A letter is itself sent back from the continent (4)
9. Issue a period return (4)
10. Fit as a lithe cat might be (8)
11. Entangle wool and express displeasure (5)
12. Bitterly continues a row with the French (7)
13. Paper clip, perhaps, to keep things secure (5,8)
18. It's quite fair to sing about wine (8)
19. Birds can do it with their eyes shut (4)
20. He's particular about his fare (7)
21. A cleansing operation partly under water (5)
22. Ties for position (4)
23. Supporters of horse-riders (8)

Down

2. She gives patient advice on social problems (7)
3. Restricts in rents perhaps (7)
4. Go into a tent containing main ingredients for amusement (13)
6. Prepared scheme - for winning a game of tennis? (3,4)
7. He charges a couple of hundred to the employer (7)
8. It plays a starring role but doesn't shine (6)
13. Have the company of constables on a ship (7)
14. I will be bound to feature a lot in his conversation (7)
15. Leave to expound? (3,3)
16. Authorise a backward Middle East nation (7)
17. Balances used in eleven supermarkets (5,2)

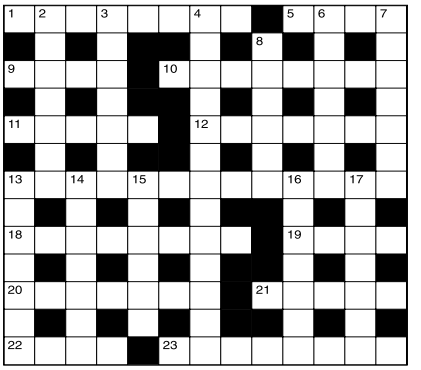
Quick Clues:

Across

1. As a fact (8)
5. Heroic poem (4)
9. Indigent (4)
10. Quarrel (8)
11. Sudden thrust (5)
12. Anointing (7)
13. Emotionally (13)
18. Theatrical (8)
19. Pipe (4)
20. Building (7)
21. Trap (5)
22. Wise man (4)
23. Gather (8)

Down

2. End (7)
3. Vertical (7)
4. Absence of haste (13)
6. Biased (7)
7. Smoothly (7)
8. Surgical instrument (6)
13. Melancholy (7)
14. Approaching (7)
15. A sloping type (6)
16. Word meaning complete opposite (7)
17. Bounteous (7)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Repose; 4 Passed; 9 Paying tribute; 10 Ash-tray; 11 Badge; 12 March; 14 Means; 18 Leave; 19 Thimble; 21 Trysting-place; 22 Detest; 23 Blades. Down: 1 Replay; 2 Psychoanalyst; 3 Senor; 5 Amiable; 6 Sounding-board; 7 Diesel; 8 Stays; 13 Creates; 15 Slated; 16 Atone; 17 Defers; 20 Impel. QUICK - Across: 1 Bridle; 4 Fencer; 9 Unconditional; 10 Honesty; 11 Treat; 12 Vital; 14 Weepy; 18 Alert; 19 Radiate; 21 Transposition; 2 Eyelet; 23 Reveal. Down: 1 Bought; 2 Inconsiderate; 3 Links; 5 Epistle; 6 Contemplative; 7 Relate; 8 Sibyl; 13 Artiste; 15 Cattle; 16 Droop; 17 Vernal; 20 Drive.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

2	8	4	3	9	6	7	1	5
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3	4	2	6	1	8	9	5	7
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is R. Somerset, Cheshire, Cornwall, all English counties.

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Skoda serves up fuel consumption winner

By Neil Ward

It is an indisputable fact that fuel prices are going to increase. Successive governments have used the tax on fuel, which now constitutes nearly 80 per cent of the cost, as a quick and easy way to generate revenue in order to avoid having to be creative and possibly unpopular tax policies, God forbid!

There is another school of thought that promotes removing cars completely from our roads and switching to other forms of transport such as the bicycle and public transport, (great if you live in London).

Now I grant you that my overall level of fitness would improve dramatically if I used a bicycle to get around.

However, it is not practical for long distances unless you are the talented Lance Armstrong. As for public transport, where I live you are more likely to spot a mythical unicorn than see a local bus on a regular basis. In the face of this paralysis by central government to help ease transport costs and the green lobby's unrealistic wish to get us all travelling by bicycle or public transport what can one do?

As much as I like driving sports cars and other vehicles that are not particularly fuel-efficient in reality this is a small part of my overall driving.

Fuel efficiency, therefore, seems to be the way to go; oh and by the way, I don't want a small town car.

Not a tall order then? Well actually, no it isn't, as the people at Skoda think they have come up with the answer; the Greenline range.

Difference

I had on the test the excellent Octavia. The VRS version is in my humble opinion one of the best sports cars in its category; however, enough of that.

What is the difference between this and the others in the range? Well first off there is a stop start function fitted.

If you have never used one of these before it takes a little time to get used to the sensation of the engine stopping when you are stationary and then starting up when you put the clutch pedal down.

However, it is an excellent system and compared to others that I have tried did not have any quirks and I quickly became so used to it that I did not notice it working.

The Greenline also has an energy recovery system. Now if you are an F1 fan you may be thinking this is the KERS system and a boost button is fitted to the steering wheel.

Sadly no, but the system in the Skoda is none the less impressive as it provides a more efficient way of generating electricity and reduces load on the engine which saves on CO2 emissions by 2-4 g/km.

Another device fitted is the gear recommendation system, which advises you to change up or down to achieve optimum speed with reduced fuel consumption.

Normally I class these things on the, 'which idiot thought this was a good idea' pile.

However, in fairness to Skoda I did persevere with the system and it was surprising how much torque the engine delivered.

Genuinely my driving habits did change and the feature did not distract me from the road.

Another clever way that the Greenline achieves fuel efficiency is by making small aerodynamic changes, using smaller lighter alloy wheels with low rolling resistance tyres and slightly lowering the suspension, which does not compromise the ride quality of the car.

So what does this all add up to? How about nearly 75mpg?! I can confirm that even with lead foot Ward driving this was my fuel consumption.

Added to this the usual comfort and road holding one expects of a Skoda has not been compromised.

As with all things in life, nothing is for free and the Skoda is no exception as it does cost more than other cars in the range.

That said, with the fuel consumption I am sure that the payback period for this extra cost will be short.

My only other irritation is the lack of bluetooth as it is an optional extra.

If you only knew the amount of time I wasted trying to get it to work because the button was fitted!

Winner

Prices start at £14,865 for the 'non' green Octavias and £17,705 for the ones which are even more environmentally friendly.

Don't let that price difference of getting on for £3,000 put you off – with fuel prices as they are you will soon make up that difference and be greener to boot.

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For an additional £3,000 over the price of your chosen car, the Sevens will be specially liveried in the famous green and yellow colours of Lotus and will come with bespoke Team Lotus additions.

Included in the upgrade package will be an invitation to a customised tour of the Team Lotus F1 factory in Hingham, Norfolk.

As custodians of Colin Chapman's original 50s concept for the Seven since 1973, Caterham Cars' current product range remains true to Chapman's philosophy of lightweight, minimalist sports cars.

Cockpit

Outside, the cars will be coated in a Team Lotus-inspired livery and the theme continues in the cockpit, with a plaque carrying the signatures of Team Lotus F1 drivers, Jarno Trulli and Heikki Kovalainen.

Owners will also receive a Seven history book signed by chief designer, Mike Gascoyne.

Caterham managing director, Ansar Ali, said: "Caterham Cars is starting an exciting and hugely important chapter.

"It's entirely fitting that we celebrate our opportunity to take Colin Chapman's 'less is more' philosophy global, with this special car," he added.

"Owners of the Special Edition Sevens will have not only a fabulous British sports car, but a genuine piece of automotive history in their garage."

The current range of Caterham Seven products starts with the Caterham Classic, at £13,650.

The Sevens will adopt the famous green and yellow Lotus livery

Durable and reliable: Chevrolet is a winner by industry standards

Chevrolet top in reliability stakes

VALUE-BRAND Chevrolet has topped a survey of car reliability, according to new research.

Warranty Direct's Reliability Index analyses both the frequency of failure and also the cost of repair to customers' cars, and currently Chevrolet is leading the pack with a score of just 20.00 – the lower the score, the better the reliability and lower the cost. Honda's score stands at 30.00.

Chevrolet also tops the charts for repair costs – at £195.14 per repair claim, Chevrolet beats its nearest rival, Fiat, by more than £40.

To make it a hat-trick, Chevrolet also claims the lowest time off the road in terms of repairs, with an average of 1.41 days per claim to repair. Second-placed Suzuki's score is 1.67.

Chevrolet is a keen supporter and fully subscribed member of Motor-Codes, the UK car industry's self-regulating commitment to fair practice and good customer service.

Package

It was also the first brand to offer a fully comprehensive five-year aftercare package to its customers.

The Five-Year Promise, introduced in 2010, not only offers a warranty, but also roadside assistance, servicing, MoT insurance and vehicle health checks over the period.

Proof, if it were needed, that Chevrolet believes in its cars' dependability.

Warranty Direct's managing director Duncan McClure-Fisher said: "Honda has held the top spot in our overall manufacturer's reliability table for many months.

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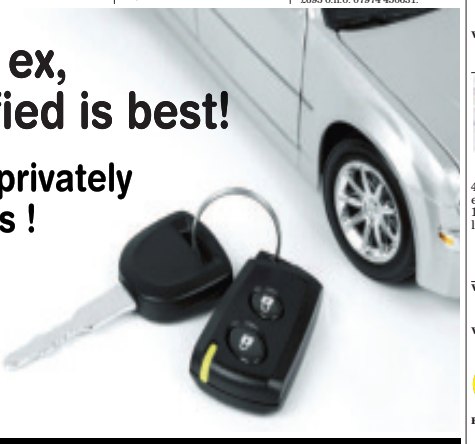

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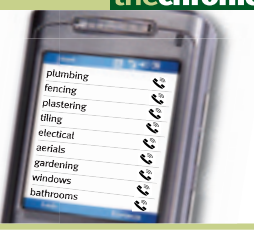

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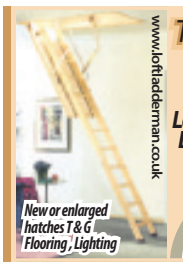

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Youngsters help rally side to victory

Stourbridge 156-9, Redditch 102. Stourbridge won by 54 runs

STOURBRIDGE firsts started their 2011 season campaign with a victory over Redditch in an exciting low scoring match, *writes Harilal Patel.*

Put in on a green looking track Stourbridge lost opener Alex Bingham LBW to Matt Wilkes for nine runs with the score on just 12.

Bingham's partner, Steve Game showed resilience at one end as wickets tumbled. Stourbridge were struggling at 70-4 at the 25-over drinks break.

But Audy Alexander and Steve Game put on 47 valuable runs before spinner Neville Mason had the stubborn Game lbw for 23. Alexander, trying to lift the run rate, pulled Perry Derrick towards the boundary only to be smartly caught by Matt Wilkes for 33.

Stour, 92-6, were lifted by youngsters Jitesh Patel and Matt Bradley who put on 31 runs to get their side over the 150 mark. Bradley went for 18 and Jitesh for 30 both falling to Wilkes who finished with five wickets.

Redditch looked favourites but lost opener Perry Derrick to a third over run out.

Caretaker captain James Musk then ran through the top order to take three wickets, all caught behind.

Those successes exposed the middle order to leg spinner Alexander, the overseas addition, who took two wickets.

Mikesh Patel cleaned up the Redditch tail as only Matt Wilkes, with 27, could offer much resistance.

Redditch were bowled out for 102 in the 25th over to give Stourbridge a memorable victory.

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BLACK COUNTRY business leaders have joined forces to help steer Stourbridge Saxons – the region's top rugby club – into a new era.

The hand-picked team of key commercial backers will now work with former officers and players of the Stourton Park side to oversee the club's National One team.

Stourbridge Rugby Club members voted unanimously in favour of establishing a new business.

Stourbridge Saxons Ltd will be a wholly owned subsidiary tasked with operating the professional team and building the Saxons brand across the region.

Club chairman Dick Jeavons-Fellows said the new set-up was an exciting move. "The rugby landscape has changed massively in recent years," he said.

"As a member-owned club, we need a structure that reflects the modern opportunities and threats.

"Establishing a new business to operate the Saxons provides a focus for sponsors and supporters dedicated to maintaining our club as the 'Best in the Black Country' while freeing other volunteers to grow the club locally.

"This is a serious business venture," added Jeavons-Fellows.

"We have a group of respected local businessmen committed to driving Stourbridge Saxons forward.

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"They all have strong links with the Black Country and a passion for Stourbridge rugby," he said.

"Together we are looking to build a flagship rugby team for the region and to increase the number of people and businesses that enjoy the Stourbridge rugby experience – great sport, great people and great hospitality."

The new Stourbridge Saxons management board consists of Guy Green, partner at Cradley Heath-based George Green LLP; Nick Schwartz, managing director of Halesowen-based Revelan Group; Andrew Ferguson, partner at Maven Capital Partners based in Birmingham and London; Steve Perks, managing director of Stourbridge-based Hayburn Rock Associates; Iain Johnstone, partner at Dudley-based CK Chartered Accountants; Peter Thompson (past president); Norman Glover (past president); Nick Perry (former captain) and Dick Jeavons-Fellows (chairman).

No revenge in the sun for Stourbridge

Macclesfield 48 Stourbridge 24

STOURBRIDGE SAXONS were unable to avenge an opening day defeat by the National One newcomers as Macclesfield ran in seven tries in the Cheshire sun.

But it was not one-way traffic, Stourbridge notching four tries, dominating periods of play and finishing with the score of the match.

They made the perfect start, marching the kick-off deep into Macclesfield territory before prop Billy Moss stepped inside some weak tackling to score.

The lead failed to last as Macclesfield hit back through skipper Evan Stewart who went over from a catch and drive at a lineout, ***writes Tim Evershed.***

Three tries in the last 10 minutes of the half ended the match as a contest with Ryan Parkinson grabbing two in two minutes before scrum-half Charlie Mulchrone dummied his way over from a scrum to give his side a 31-5 half-time lead.

Stourbridge were out early for the second half and the fired-up Saxons began driving their opponents backwards.

Ashley Smith closed the gap with a fine try after good work from Jamie Hearn and Peter White. And it looked game on seven minutes later when good work by scrum-half White led to Ben Hughes burrowing over for another try.

However, the revival came to a shuddering halt as Macclesfield hit back through Stewart, Josh Fowles and Iain Taylor before Sam Robinson got on the end of a flowing move for the match's final score.

Robins mauled by Lions

Bloxwich 3 Dudley T 0

RED LIONS striker Alan Wilkes' good form continued as he netted a brace against Dudley to make it six goals in two games.

Wilkes opened the scoring in the 31st minute when he raced onto a through ball from Carl Morris and volleyed past the keeper from the edge of the box. He also went close with a free-kick while Karl Edwards missed a chance just before half-time.

Dudley's best opportunity came in the 58th minute but they failed to capitalise and a quick counter by the home side saw Leon Taylor pick out Edwards who slotted the ball home for 2-0.

Dudley went down to 10 men in the 72nd minute after Wilkes was hauled down inside the area and he got up to convert the spot-kick.

Glassboys fans celebrate victory over Worcester. *Pictures: Tony Marsh*

Happy Glassboys snatch a first trophy in 10 years

Stourbridge 2 Worcester City 0

STOURBRIDGE lifted the Worcestershire Senior Cup for the first time in 30 years after they upset Blue Square North Worcester City at Aggborough.

Ryan Rowe's first-half double saw Ben Billingham and Craig Slater lift the impressive trophy in front of the jubilant Stourbridge supporters, who celebrated their first silverware since 2001.

Gary Hackett's side had the better of the opening 45 minutes on April 27 after surviving a few nervy moments early on, with keeper Lewis Solly pushing a dangerous cross from the right by Simon Richman round a post.

After that, though, the Glassboys carried the greater threat. Billingham saw a shot well saved by Worcester keeper Dean Coleman.

Stourbridge broke the deadlock in the 20th minute when Rowe scored from two yards after Coleman failed to hold Nathan Bennett's header from Billingham's corner.

There was further delight for Hackett's men 12 minutes later when they doubled their advantage. Rowe exchanged passes with Billingham and held off a defender before shooting low past Coleman.

Stourbridge almost had the perfect start to the second half as Paul McCone sent a diving header wide from a Billingham flag-kick.

Worcester twice went close in quick succession just past the hour. A long throw-in from Asa Charlton was headed back to Richman and his low shot from the edge of the box was palmed wide by Solly.

Then Kevin O'Connor curled a shot narrowly wide.

Ryan Rowe puts Stourbridge on the way to victory with the opening goal

Academy scheme to boost college

STOURBRIDGE College and Kidderminster Harriers FC have teamed up to create two partnership academies.

The goal is to get young people trained and qualified for work in the sports and hospitality industries.

The new Football and Hospitality Academies will offer training opportunities for those 16 and over in the hospitality industry.

It will also help them achieve their football goals.

College principal Lynette Cutting said: "Our new partnership with professional football club Kidderminster Harriers is unique in that it offers our students training in a real working environment.

Variety

"We will be recruiting apprentices for our Hospitality Academy and looking for top class footballers to join the Football Academy – all of whom will be supported through a variety of courses to help them prepare for careers in sport or catering."

Harriers chairman Mark Serrell said: "Any team wants to do what it can to produce more home grown talent and, over a period of time, our ambition is to have youngsters coming through the system who can establish themselves as Harriers' players."

Causeway's fancy stuff

Causeway United 2 Loughborough Univ 0

THE BLUES ended their Midland Alliance season with a victory over the high-flying students at The Grove.

The Causeway side continued their tradition of warming up for the final game in fancy dress.

Scott Stevenson provided the opening goal for Causeway on 51 minutes with an excellent strike with teammate Stuart How rounding off a good afternoon to add his name to the scoresheet three minutes from time.

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